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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

PLACING A PRODUCT IN A

FLEXIBLE RECLOSEABLE CONTAINER

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 ) January 30, 2006

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION**  
**AND REQUEST FOR ADVISORY ACTION**  
**IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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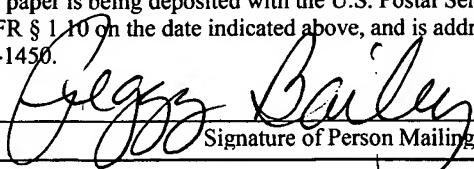
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